

drawn up and the name was changed to Kingsbury. Two years later, the name was changed to Kingsburgh to reflect the Swedish heritage of many of the town's residents. In 1894, the city's name took on its current spelling, Kingsburg. On May 19, 1908, the city of Kingsburg officially became an incorporated city in Fresno County.

The city of Kingsburg has grown from a sleepy railroad town, at its founding, to a vibrant community of nearly 10,000 that rests in the middle of one of the most dynamic regions of California. Kingsburg is where Olympic legend Rafer Johnson and his brother, Pro Football Hall of Famer, Jimmy Johnson, spent their formative years and honed their athletic skills. Today the city of Kingsburg proudly embraces its Swedish heritage and its status as the "Swedish Village." The city's landscape features distinctive Swedish architecture and brightly painted Dala horses, traditional wooden statuettes of horses and a national symbol of Sweden.

If its first century is any indication, it is clear that the city of Kingsburg will continue to grow and reach new heights in the years to come. The story of the city's first one hundred years is a testament to the value of community. As the residents of Kingsburg gather to celebrate this auspicious occasion, I congratulate them on their centennial anniversary and wish them continued good fortune and success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the University of California, Davis.

U.C. Davis began as a public land-grant university in 1905 when California Governor George Pardee signed into law an act establishing a university farm school for the University of California. One year after the act was signed, the small town of Davisville, today known as Davis, was selected as the site for the University Farm. The campus was established largely due to the vision of Peter J. Shields, then-secretary of the California State Agriculture Society, who was dissatisfied by the fact California students were choosing to attend out-of-state universities due to the lack of programs offered by the University of California.

The official opening of the University Farm was in January 1909 with a student body of 18 students from the University of California, Berkeley on a 778-acre campus. The campus opened with 16 regular instructors from U.C. Berkeley's College of Agriculture and 12 non-resident instructors. In 1922, the University Farm was renamed the Northern Branch of the College of Agriculture and expanded to 3,000 acres in 1951 to support its rapidly growing student body.

In 1959, the Northern Branch of the College of Agriculture was declared by

the Regents of the University of California as the seventh general campus in the University of California system. Since its inception as a U.C. campus, Davis has become one of the most renowned academic universities in the Nation. In 1996, Davis joined the prestigious Association of American Universities, which represents the top 62 research universities in North America. It has also been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the 42nd best university in the United States and the 11th best public university in the Nation. In addition, Washington Monthly ranked U.C. Davis 8th among all U.S. universities based on its contributions to society.

U.C. Davis offers its students 100 academic majors and 86 graduate programs within its 4 colleges and 5 professional schools. It currently ranks 14th in the Nation in total research expenditures, 2nd in agricultural research, 12th in life sciences, and 13th in biological sciences. Davis' impressive faculty include 21 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 13 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 7 members of the National Academy of Engineering, 5 members of the Institute of Medicine, 3 members of the Royal Society, 2 members of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, 2 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 2 MacArthur fellows. U.C. Davis alumni account for 1 in every 276 Californians, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in their fields of expertise.

Today U.C. Davis has 30,000 students on the largest campus in the U.C. system spanning over 5,300 acres. U.C. Davis is the only U.C. campus with its own airport and one of two campuses with a nuclear laboratory and fire department. The U.C. Davis School of Medicine operates one of the Nation's finest hospitals which is regularly ranked in the top 50 by U.S. News and World Report.

As the community, students, staff and alumni gather to celebrate U.C. Davis' centennial anniversary, I would like to congratulate them and thank them for their outstanding commitment to education.●

HONORING DAN PACKER AND ANDY PALMER

● Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I wish today to honor the bravery of two fallen Washington State firefighters—Dan Packer and Andrew Palmer.

They lost their lives this weekend battling the dangerous wildfires burning in northern California.

Dan Packer fought fires for decades. He was chief of East Pierce Fire and Rescue in the Bonney Lake area and a former president of the Association of Washington Fire Chiefs.

This weekend, he was supervising the firefighting efforts in California as a member of an interagency emergency management team when his position was overrun by a wildfire following an "unexpected shift in the wind."

Andrew Palmer, from Port Townsend, was just 18 years old and on his first day of working the northern California fire line. He tragically lost his life when he was struck by a falling tree. He has been described as "extremely energetic" and "dedicated to his job."

Both of these men clearly illustrate the courage that firefighters across this country exemplify every time they go to work . . . starting on day one.

An unknown firefighter once said, "What you call a hero, I just call doing my job."

So today I ask that all Washingtonians, all Californians, and all Americans pause to think about these two men, their families, and the ultimate sacrifice they made just "doing their jobs" to protect their Californian neighbors.

They represent the best America has to offer: courage and selfless action. Their service will not soon be forgotten.

In fact, the deaths of these two brave Washingtonians unequivocally reaffirms the need to continue to work to protect and prepare these brave Americans for the danger they face every day.

Since 1910, more than 900 wildland firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. And unless we take action that number will continue to grow every summer we send these brave individuals in to battle wildfires.

We must demand firefighter safety and training programs receive the funding they need.

We must track this training to ensure that every firefighter is equipped with the tools he or she needs to make it home safely every time. It is our responsibility and obligation—to Dan Packer, to Andrew Palmer, and to all firefighters across this country.●

CONGRATULATING CHERMACK MACHINE, INC.

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Chermack Machine, Inc., on its 75th anniversary. Chermack Machine was founded in Cameron, WI, in 1933. It has played a significant role in the defense of our Nation with manufacture of war materials for the United States during World War II.

From humble beginnings, this business has become a full service operation specializing in assembly, welding, automated sawing, custom prototyping, production machining and conventional machining. Chermack Machine, Inc. is a wonderful example of American small business where commitment to quality products and customer satisfaction are dominant business principles.

Chermack Machine's dedication to exceeding client expectations and helping our Nation compel me to congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.●